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Wellesley Announces Members of New Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force

November 12, 2021 (Wellesley, MA) – Eighteen individuals representing a cross-section of our community will serve on the Town of Wellesley's new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force. This group will help chart a path for the deliberate work needed to establish Wellesley as a more welcoming town for all individuals.

These volunteers bring a broad range of identities, perspectives, and life experiences to this work and were selected from a pool of close to 40 interested applicants through personal interviews during the past month. The task force was established by Town Executive Director Meghan Jop and Town Assistant Executive Director Amy Frigulietti.

The DEI Task Force community members are:

Melinda Arias-Voci

Gary Arthur

John Benzan

Linda Chow

Tony Clark

Leda Eizenberg

J'Lesia Jones

Glen Kim

Ann-Mara Lanza

Ayla Lari

Lisa Macdonald

Paul Merry

Lina Musayev

Lise Olney

Tere Ramos

Odessa Sanchez

Donna Stoddard

Town of Wellesley Assistant Human Resources Director Robin Tusino is also a task force member. Independent DEI consultant Lisa Smith-McQueenie will facilitate the group during its initial phase. Lisa is an experienced and knowledgeable DEI professional with a broad range of expertise including facilitation, training and culture change in higher education, K-12, municipalities and nonprofit organizations. "I work to bring tailored, area specific, researched and relevant consulting about diverse, inclusive and equitable practices and community building. I'm looking forward to working with the Town of Wellesley on this critical initiative," she said.

The DEI Task Force will begin meeting regularly in early December and together, the group will work on these Phase 1 tasks:

- Creating a vision statement for racial equity in Wellesley
- Developing a mission statement for this work
- Developing and identifying a work plan supporting the goal of racial equity
- Establishing community guiding principles and practices to support anti-bias, nondiscriminatory, and anti-racist behaviors and attitudes

Learn More

Additional information on Wellesley's DEI initiative, including a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is on the [Select Board Office webpages](#) on the Town of Wellesley website.